

# Leading Causes of Death

Ages 15-20

Rank	Cause	Percent of Deaths	Number of Deaths
1	Motor Vehicle Crashes	35%	6,209
2	Homicide	19%	3,393
3	Suicide	13%	2,254
4	Other Injury (falls, drowning, etc.)	9%	1,562
5	Cancer	6%	1,036
6	Heart Disease	3%	541
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>17,758</b>

Source: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) - Vital Statistics Mortality Data - 1997, Multiple Cause of Death (MCOD) File, NCHS, Center for Disease Control (CDC).